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WASHINGTON, August 5, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 31 totaled an estimated 15.2 billion ton-miles, 13.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 487.9 billion ton-miles, 10.2 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 31 totaled 362,143 cars, 17.1 percent below 1981, but 2.9 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 20.5 percent in the East, 16.0 percent in the South, and 15.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings increased by 4,162 cars, or 18.1 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 24 totaled 38,558 cars, up 18.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 61,998 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 1,068,312 cars, 8.7 percent higher than last year, and 1,886,289 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/31/82:

	Loadings in Week ended July 31, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,178	I	4,162	18.1	D	365	1.3
Other farm products	2,987	D	403	11.9	D	796	21.0
Metallic ores	12,659	D	24,938	66.3	D	661	5.0
Coal	112,358	D	16,422	12.8	I	6,360	6.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,205	D	4,139	31.0	D	381	4.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,053	D	3,301	23.0	I	484	4.6
Grain mill products	11,441	D	2,698	19.1	I	328	3.0
Food and kindred products	12,935	D	2,246	14.8	I	150	1.2
Primary forest products	15,225	D	3,402	18.3	I	423	2.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,589	D	1,886	22.3	I	542	9.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,235	D	3,158	16.3	I	826	5.4
Chemicals and allied products	20,410	D	3,805	15.7	I	729	3.7
Petroleum products	4,809	D	101	2.1	I	112	2.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,123	D	4,037	28.5	I	16	0.2
Coke	4,624	D	1,323	22.2	I	426	10.1
Metals and products	8,297	D	7,120	46.2	I	405	5.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,944	I	1,416	11.3	D	224	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	6,985	D	3,453	33.1	D	51	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,326	D	1,338	13.8	I	576	7.4
All other carloads	46,538	I	3,482	8.1	I	1,306	2.9
LCL traffic	222	I	28	14.4	I	12	5.7
Total Cars Loaded	362,143	D	74,682	17.1	I	10,217	2.9
Corresponding week of 1981	436,825						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	11,349,524	12,850,360	D 11.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
30 Weeks cumulative	472.7	525.8	D 10.1
Week ended July 31	15.2	17.6	D 13.5
31 Weeks cumulative	487.9	543.4	D 10.2

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